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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK BANK GUARANTEE FOR SALE OF OFFSET PRINT-
ING PRESS, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

1. EXIMBANK ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MARYLAND
NATIONAL BANK, BALTIMORE, TO PROVIDE AN 80 PERCENT
GUARANTEE TO SUPPORT THE SALE OF ONE HARRIS MODEL N2650
4 UNIT WEB OFFSET PRINTING PRESS. THE SUPPLIER WILL BE THE
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HARRIS CORPORATION, WEB PRESS DIVISION, WESTERLY, RHODE
ISLAND AND THE CONTRACT PRICE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY
1,200,000 DOLS. THE OBLIGOR WILL BE THE ARGUS PRINTING AND
PUBLISHING CO., LTD., 47 SAUER STREET, JOHANNESBURG, 2000,
SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE TRANSACTION WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY
STANDARD MERCHANTS BANK, LTD., JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY PERCEIVES POLITICAL,
COMMERCIAL OR OTHER REASONS WHY EXIMBANK SHOULD NOT CONSIDER

REQUEST. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE
ARGUS PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO. ITS ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPER
AND, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PUBLISHING FIRMS, PARTICULARLY SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS LTD. JOHANNESBURG
SOUTH AFRICA, CNA INVESTMENTS LIMITED, AND THE RHODESIAN
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, LTD. VANCE

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